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VIA CMF-ECF ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Michael B. Kaplan, Chief Judge United States Bankruptcy Court For the District of New Jersey Clarkson S. Fisher US Courthouse 402 East State Street Trenton, NJ 08608 Courtroom #8

Re: In re: LTL Management LLC

Docket No. 21-30589 (MBK)

Request of DiSanto Canadian Plaintiff to Participate in Mediation

Dear Judge Kaplan:

This Firm is US Bankruptcy co-counsel to the representative plaintiff in the Canadian putative class action of *DiSanto v Johnson & Johnson*, Alberta Court of Queen's Bench (File Number 1901-11748)("*DiSanto*"). Previously, *DiSanto* filed a *Joinder* with this Court dated April 8, 2022 seeking to be made a part of the Mediation process (CM/ECF Docket Entry 2027).

Thereafter, on April 27, 2022, the Baker putative Canadian Class Action (Ontario)("*Baker*")(who upon information had not previously appeared in the case) filed an *Application to Appear Pro Hac Vice* (CM/ECF 2174), and an *Opposition* to the *DiSanto Joinder* (CM/ECF Docket Entry 2175).

As well, On April 27, 2022, the Official Committee of Talc Creditors filed a *Limited Opposition* to the *DiSanto Joinder* (CM/ECF 2180). Since before April 27, 2022, *DiSanto* had been communicating and working with the Committee, and later all proposed Mediation parties, and later still the *Baker* party, with respect to an agreeable, consensual Mediation Order.

These communications continue and have been detailed and involved. At present, the Debtor has circulated a proposed form of Mediation Order which in principal is agreeable to *DiSanto*. As of a ZOOM call yesterday afternoon and communications of today, *DiSanto* has proposed to all other proposed Mediation Parties additional language including *Baker*, and another Canadian putative class who has also now been in communication, *Williamson v. Johnson & Johnson*, British Columbia Supreme Court (Case No. 179011)("Williamson") as Mediation Parties. Respectfully, the inclusion of three different provincial putative classes in the Mediation

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should resolve the bulk of the concerns voiced by the Committee in its *Limited Objection*. Moreover, it is hoped that the inclusion of *Baker* will cause a withdrawal of the *Baker Opposition* to the *DiSanto Joinder*. Finally it is hoped that *DiSanto*, *Baker* and *Williamson* will work together to assist and achieve a streamlined and efficient Mediation that is also representative of Canadian interests from the start, and directed toward a confirmable Plan.

Hopefully by the hearing tomorrow, all parties will have reached agreement as to a consensual Mediation Order, and hopefully nothing more need be said about the matter. Nevertheless, if agreement is not reached as to a proposed Mediation Order, *DiSanto* reserves all rights to argue tomorrow in support of its *Joinder*, and against the filed *Baker Opposition* and the *Committee's Limited Opposition*, that *DiSanto* should nevertheless be included as a Mediation Party under any entered Mediation Order, as initially described in detail in the *DiSanto Joinder*, and as may be stated on the record tomorrow.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Cc: Canadian Counsel for Williamson v. Johnson & Johnson